

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, April 25, 2007, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Slinde-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Drolet, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegghem, Haggerty, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Slinde called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Sauger, to add to the agenda to approve the request of Mr. Krycia for a 60 day extension in negotiating a lease agreement at the VerKuilen Building with Legal Aid Defenders and Lakeshore Legal Aid. **The Motion Carried.**

Chair Slinde added this as item #7A.

MOTION

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by Duzyj, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include items #7A, #9h and i (resolutions), and seven additional travel requests). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by Sauger, to approve the February 15 and March 21, 2007 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,550,354.80, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRM

MOTION

A motion was made by Joan Flynn, supported by Vosburg, to appoint the law firm of Plunkett & Cooney to represent the County of Macomb in the case of Cristini v County of Macomb and Macomb County Prosecutor. **The Motion Carried.**

APPROVE THE REQUEST OF MR. FRANK KRYCIA, ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL, FOR A 60 DAY EXTENSION IN NEGOTIATING A LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE VERKUILEN BUILDING WITH LEGAL AID DEFENDERS AND LAKESHORE LEGAL AID

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE REQUEST OF MR. FRANK KRYCIA, ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL, FOR A 60 DAY EXTENSION IN NEGOTIATING A LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE VERKUILEN BUILDING WITH LEGAL AID DEFENDERS AND LAKESHORE LEGAL AID. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Chair Slinde introduced Ms. Melanie Brown who is a representative from the Governor's Office.

Ms. Brown informed commissioners that she works for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor here in Macomb County. She invited commissioners to contact her at 586-913-3828 and she will take their comments to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. She spoke about the state's tough budget situation and stated that they are working 24/7 on reaching some sort of an agreement on a state budget package.

ITEMS WAIVED BY OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Items (a) and (b) were voted on separately.

a) Award Plumbing Revisions Project – Court Building

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAN FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AWARD THE PLUMBING REVISIONS PROJECT – COURT BUILDING TO THE LOW BIDDER, BUILDER'S, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$244,000; FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET.

Commissioners directed several questions to Ms. Arnott-Bryks pertaining to this request.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

b) Approve Estimated Guaranteed Maximum Price for Construction of 42-2 District Court

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY HAGGERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE ESTIMATED GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE 42-2 DISTRICT COURT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,459,007. THE PURPOSE OF THIS INTERMEDIATE APPROVAL IS TO AUTHORIZE E. GILBERT & SONS TO RELEASE CONTRACTS TO PREVIOUS SUBCONTRACTORS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF WORK AND TO FAST TRACK PROJECT REACTIVATION. THIS APPROVAL IS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A FINAL GMP WILL COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN MAY, FOLLOWING BIDDING OF UNASSIGNED TRADES AND WORK SCOPE.

Commissioners directed several questions to Ms. Arnott-Bryks, Mr. Brumbaugh, and Mr. David Gassen, Principal, PARTNERS in Architecture, PLC pertaining to this request.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Brdak referred to item (c) and asked that his name be added to the resolution. Chair Slinde asked that her name be added, too. There were no objections.

Commissioner David Flynn referred to item (i) and said that the resolution should be listed with the following commissioners: David Flynn, Bruley and Switalski. It should not list Commissioner Mijac. There were no objections.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RENGERT, SUPPORTED BY HAGGERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

- a) HONORING LOU MIODUSZEWSKI – RETIREMENT (**OFFERED BY RENGERT**);
- b) COMMENDING SOUTH RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – HONORED AS A MICHIGAN BLUE RIBBON EXEMPLARY SCHOOL (**OFFERED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON**);
- c) HONORING KARL MARK PALL FOR HIS DEDICATION TO PRESERVING AND TEACHING MACOMB COUNTY HISTORY (**OFFERED BY DeSAELE, BRDAK, SLINDE AND VOSBURG**);
- d) DECLARING 2007 AS THE YEAR OF THE CHILD IN MICHIGAN (**OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR**);
- e) COMMENDING TIMOTHY WYCKSTANDT – EAGLE SCOUT (**OFFERED BY SLINDE**);
- f) COMMENDING EDNA RITA PRESLEY – 90TH BIRTHDAY (**OFFERED BY HAGGERTY AND TORRICE**);
- g) PROCLAIMING APRIL 25, 2007 AS START WALKING AT WORK DAY IN MACOMB COUNTY (**OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR**);
- h) COMMENDING MARVIN AL-KHAFAJI – NAMED AS A 2007 “ARAB AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR” (**OFFERED BY DAVID FLYNN, MIJAC AND SWITALSKI**); AND
- i) WELCOMING ST. MARY’S ASSYRIAN CHURCH TO MACOMB COUNTY (**OFFERED BY DAVID FLYNN, BRULEY AND SWITALSKI**).

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

TRAVEL REQUESTS

MOTION

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by Rengert, to approve the travel requests as submitted.

Commissioner Drolet asked to separate item (f).

Chair Slinde called for a vote on all travel, with the exception of separated item (f), and **The Motion Carried.**

Separated item (f):

Planning and Economic Development Department
Travel request to Hamilton, Ontario

Commissioner Drolet was not sure there was adequate information supplied pertaining to this travel request. He was opposed until he receives better information.

Commissioner DeSaele recalled that this travel request would require a two-thirds vote, since it is travel outside the continental U. S.

Chair Slinde called for a vote to approve the travel request and **The Motion Carried with Drolet voting “No.”**

NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion ensued about changing the date of the May 15th Special Personnel Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Szczepanski, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter